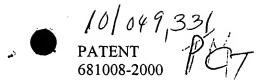
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated April 9, 2002 concerning the above-identified patent application, Applicant filed a Response thereto dated 6 June 2002. Applicants also received a Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt, both dated September 5, 2002, which assigned the above filing date of June 5, 2002 and application Serial No. 10/049,331. Copies of both documents are attached hereto for your convenience.

To date, Applicant has not received any communication from the USPTO. There is now great concern regarding the status of this application.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests, on an urgent basis, that this situation be looked into, and that a Status Report be issued expeditiously to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Applicant wishes to thank the Office in advance for its kind and prompt consideration and response to this matter.

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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

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